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# KOINONIA

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DATE: JUNE 5, 1980

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PLACE: TAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
Upland, Indiana

EVENT: GENESIS OF ACSD

"I make a motion to accept the membership rosters of CADW and CASA as submitted by these former organizations. The names on the list will constitute the membership of Association of Christians in Student Development."

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

With that motion, our separate organizations become one, ending more than two decades working side by side, to embark upon future decades of working together with the single purpose of glorifying God in our pursuits to help students grow.

The officers of ACSD are: Co-Presidents . . . Don Boender,  
Miriam Uphouse  
Vice President. . . Chip Jagers  
Secretary . . . Ruth Irvine  
Treasurer . . . Kermit Zopfi  
Editor. . . Marilyn Starr



# from your presidents

Warm greetings to the members of our brand new organization - ACSD.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve you as co-presidents. The mechanics of joining our two associations was bathed in prayer and preparation and this past June, at Taylor, we saw the culmination of our planning. We urge each of you to continue to pray that the Lord will direct and bless during our "growing period."

We look forward to close fellowship and free exchange of ideas with all believers who are committed to the field of Christian student development.

New beginnings are exciting! And it is with excitement ACSD begins its first year and anticipates its first June Conference.

We look forward to greeting you June 1st, 1981, at Calvin College.

Don Boender, Miriam Uphouse, Co-Presidents

# plan ahead

ACSD Conferences:

- 1982 - Bryan College
- 1983 - Winnipeg Bible College
- 1984 - (open to Midwest school)

## call for programs

Plans for the 1981 conference at Calvin College have begun. The theme of the conference is "Building the Whole Person." Any ACSD member who would be interested in presenting a sectional at the conference is asked to submit his/her proposal in writing by January 1, 1981. A decision will be made by February 1 as to which programs will be part of the '81 conference.

Proposals should be sent to Joy DeBoer, Dean of Women, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Job Placement

write

Chip Jagers

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## LOVE is discipline

- A person who disciplines is patient
- A person who disciplines is kind and envies no one
- A person who disciplines is never boastful nor conceited nor rude nor quick to take offense
- A person who disciplines keeps no score of wrongs
- A person who disciplines does not gloat over other men's sins but delights in the truth
- There is nothing a person who disciplines cannot face, there is no limit to his faith, his hope, his endurance.

Paraphrase of I Corinth. 13



# "WELLNESS"

Our mission as a Christian college should be to develop the whole person and to encourage maximum growth and good stewardship in all areas of life. Christian colleges have a unique position in that we address the spiritual dimension and demonstrate how it is integrated into all aspects of life. A function of the college experience is to promote an atmosphere and physical environment conducive to improving the students' knowledge, skills and attitudes. Most colleges provide this for the intellectual development; but few provide equal resources for improvement in other dimensions.

A "Wellness" program is one such resource which facilitates education through concepts that lead to the development of a positive lifestyle. "Wellness" is a positive approach to wellbeing. It is a way of life one chooses because the results are positive and well balanced. "Wellness" is an integrated approach to total wellbeing in which each individual grows in all dimensions of "wellness" (spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, social, vocational). Finally, "wellness" respects one's individuality and uniqueness. It is an active process through which the individual becomes aware of, and makes choices towards, a more successful existence. A person is "well" only to the degree that he/she has wholeness and soundness of person. In short, the essence of "wellness" revolves around the total and well balanced human being God created us to be.

"Wellness" programs at Christian colleges can take on various forms. Bethel College is presently in the preliminary stages of developing a "wellness" program. Initially, a committee was established composed of interested faculty, staff, administration and students representing all dimensions of "wellness" (food service, physical education, campus ministries, career planning and placement, counseling center). This committee read books, investigated other programs, and listened to speakers. With this information, short and long range goals were developed to implement the program. A speaker was invited to address the student body on "Wellness" and students were encouraged to volunteer to design the program. Aerobic exercise, jogging routes with mileage, women's weight room hours and a salad bar, are some ideas already implemented. Student support groups meet regularly to



discuss needs and work on problem areas. Each month a different dimension of "wellness" will be highlighted through speakers, films and workshops, with one month devoted to a health fair.

If you are interested in obtaining more information concerning Bethel's "Wellness" program, you may contact:

Donald Mortenson  
Bethel College  
3900 Bethel Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55112



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT YOUR COLLEGE ?

SEND ARTICLES TO:

Marilyn M. Starr  
ACSD Editor  
Bethel College  
3900 Bethel Drive  
St. Paul, Mn. 55112

# constitution

June 1980

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Association for Christians in Student Development" (ACSD).

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To stimulate fellowship, group study, and to share mutual experiences.
2. To emphasize the use of scripture and scriptural principles in student development.
3. To keep abreast of trends and developments in the field of student development services and disseminate pertinent information.
4. To provide a united voice for recommendation to member schools.

## ARTICLE III

### DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in

His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal, visible return in power and glory.

4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he was tempted by Satan and fell and that, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by Whom the church is empowered to carry out Christ's great commission.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all persons involved in the student development profession in schools of higher education, who subscribe to the doctrinal statement and meet the requirements outlined in the by-laws.



## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

1. The officers of the association shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and editor.
2. The officers shall be elected by the members at an annual business meeting for terms of two years. No officer may serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms. In odd years the president and secretary are elected. In even years the vice president, treasurer, and editor are elected.
3. The executive committee shall be composed of the officers of the association.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the executive committee.

## ARTICLE VII

### REGIONALS

Regional meetings shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the regional directors.

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution may be made at an annual business meeting of the

association provided the proposed amendments are submitted to each member at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered. A two-thirds vote of members present shall be necessary for adoption.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### Section 1. Qualifications

- a. Each applicant must subscribe unreservedly to the doctrinal statement and accept the constitution and by-laws of the association.
- b. Membership shall be open to persons actively involved in student development in higher education, or committed to such a position for the ensuing year, or pursuing graduate work in student development.
- c. Application form must be completed and submitted to the treasurer.

##### Section 2. Dues

- a. The membership fee shall be \$25.00 annually for one person from a given school and \$5.00 annually for each additional person from that school. The membership fee for graduate students is \$5.00.

### Section 3. Duties of the Executive Committee

- a. The executive committee shall be responsible to formulate procedures to fulfill the purposes of the association.
- b. It shall act in behalf of the association in the transaction of necessary business between annual business meetings. It shall submit a report of its activities at the annual business meeting.
- c. It shall appoint at the annual business meeting committees and regional directors.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the executive committee, in conjunction with the host school, to plan the program for the annual conference.
- e. It shall have power to authorize and regulate any group or activity using the name of the association.
- f. It shall consider and present any suggested amendments of the constitution and/or by-laws.
- g. It shall appoint annually two persons to audit the financial records of the association.

### Section 4. Vacancies

A vacancy in office other than that of president shall be filled by appointment by the executive committee.

## ARTICLE III

### MEETINGS

#### Section 1. Time and Place

The annual business meeting shall be held during the annual conference.

#### Section 2. Quorum

Members present at an annual business meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Parliamentary Law  
Business meetings of this association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE IV

### REGIONALS

#### Section 1. Purpose

To foster the spiritual and professional effectiveness of Christian student development administrators in a manner consistent with the purpose stated in the constitution and by-laws.

#### Section 2. Objectives

- a. To plan a regional conference.
- b. To discover and recruit within the region new members for the association.
- c. To promote communication between the association and the regionals.
- d. To make available resources that will contribute to personal and professional growth.

#### Section 3. Regional Directors

An association member from each region shall be appointed for a two-year term by the executive committee to fulfill the designated objectives.

## ARTICLE V

### AMENDMENTS

The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a regular or called business meeting of the association.



# contemporary use of

## ANCIENT CATACOMBS

Beneath the ancient roads leading away from Rome lie the rich storehouses of the Christian church: the Catacombs. This elaborate underground maze, where Christians and Jews buried their dead (estimated at 60-90 miles and four or five levels deep) is still intact.

During times of persecution, Christians descended to the catacombs for refuge. Some would spend days, weeks or even months in the catacombs. Inside the catacombs today one can still find the altar areas where people gathered. Undoubtedly, those who sought refuge came together to sing praises and encourage one another.

Using the ancient catacombs experience as an analogy, the residence program at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, has for a number of years now provided the student body with a Sunday evening worship service. When students arrive Sunday evenings in the college Student Activity Center, they are greeted with darkness and silence. A handful of candles is the only source of light. The character of the program is both informal and creative and never is the focus on one or two people. Rather, in an attempt to make all who come feel as if they are participating in the program, the "initiators" of the program are dispersed throughout.

The program is a collage of various worship experiences. Some evenings are restricted totally to informal sharing and singing. On other occasions, the program may include a poetry reading, a reader's theatre, or a multimedia presentation. Role playing, communion or special music by a flutist, a guitarist, or various forms of vocal music also are a part of the services. Generally, there is a theme running throughout - praise, loneliness, suffering, self-concept, prayer, beauty, priorities.

Catacombs has been a very exciting, and generally very successful, part of the housing program at Bethel. It is hoped that it will continue to be an outlet for very intimate worship in a corporate setting.

## ^tough-tender^ connection

"How to Help a Friend" was the theme of the North Central Regional Conference held in St. Paul, Mn. on October 2 & 3. 185 people came to the campus of Northwestern College to hear Dr. Paul Welter. He dealt with the "tough-tender connection," "How to help someone who is hurting," and "Gentle Confrontation." Welter emphasized the importance of gentle confrontation, together with investing time in follow-up sessions. The North Central Region highly recommends Dr. Paul Welter for residence staff workshops. Contact: Dr. Paul Welter, Kearney State College, Kearney, Ne. 68847.



# news from kermit

## Student Leader Retreat

As plans were made at Bryan College for 1980-81, there was general consensus among student affairs personnel and student leaders that it would be good to have a spiritual retreat just prior to the beginning of the school year. So fifty students - resident assistants, members of the student senate and student union, class officers and officers of the Christian outreach organization - returned to campus early for the three-day retreat.

The theme, "Becoming an Effective Spiritual Leader." Al Whittinghill, from Reach-out Ranch in Chattanooga, spoke at four sessions and led interaction times that allowed each presentation. On the third day, student leaders met with faculty in a time of testimony and prayer. To conclude, college staff member, Bill Bauer, led a profitable workshop on "How to Recognize and Meet the Need in the Lives of Fellow Students."

Student leaders reported how the Lord cleansed and freed them from sin during the retreat and that they had committed themselves and their service to Jesus Christ. One student commented, "I assumed that during the retreat I would learn techniques of getting at other people, but God really got to me, and that is what I really needed."

Student leaders and student affairs personnel plan to meet every two weeks for Bible study, prayer and exhortation. Al Whittinghill will come once each semester.

Some student leaders have started Bible study and prayer groups in their dormitories and have been much more effective in helping other students with their needs.

Kermit A. Zopfi  
Dean of Students  
Bryan College  
Dayton, Tennessee

# do you belong ?

## ACSD Membership

After combining the membership lists of the former Christian Association for Deans of Women (CADW) and former Christian Association for Student Affairs (CASA), the count shows that the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) has 320 members for the year 1980. There are 532 names on the current mailing list of the association. Many of the 212 individuals on this list - who are not 1980 members - have been members in former years and you are urged to renew your membership. A mailing to initiate the 1981 ACSD membership drive will be sent early in January. This will contain the new ACSD membership application form and the amount of the annual dues (\$25.00 for one person from a school and \$5.00 for each additional person from that school). It is requested that no one apply for 1981 membership in ACSD until this mailing is received in January.

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# help !

## are you still where i think you are ?

So that the ACSD mailing list may be kept current, please report to the treasurer of ACSD any student affairs department changes in your school with respect to PERSONNEL, POSITION or LOCATION. When reporting this information, please supply the following data: 1) full name of individual, 2) position title, 3) complete school mailing address.

If you know of other Christians in post-secondary education in your area who may be interested in ACSD and desire to receive ACSD information, please supply this same data.

Send all such changes, additions, or deletions to the following address:

Kermit Zopfi            DO IT  
ACSD Treasurer            NOW!  
Bryan College  
Dayton, Tennessee 37321

# it wasn't all play !

The executive committees of the two merging organizations met Wednesday, June 4, while the rest of the conferees spent the afternoon enjoying the Taylor campus facilities and the Indiana countryside. We had a good afternoon of interaction and planning which set the pace for the coming year and the new organizational executive committee.

The proposed constitution for ACSD was the focus of much of our time. We took the input from the membership and sought to change the proposed constitution to reflect the needs of both merging groups and give direction to the new organization. Those ideas were presented and adapted at the merger meeting on June 5th.

The 1981 conference at Calvin College was also part of our discussion. Ideas were presented and Don Boender and his staff were left with the challenge of detailed planning. November was set for the meeting of the executive committee at Calvin College to plan in more detail. The 1982 conference is set for Bryan College and 1983 for Winnipeg Bible College.

There has been much input from you concerning the impracticality of the regional divisions. We discussed the regions set by states as it is now, versus regions set by location of schools in a given area of the country. This is being reevaluated and will be reported on and discussed at our November meeting. You will be hearing more about this in the future. Along with the 1981 conference and the regional divisions, the placement program for our organization will be a topic of discussion in November and you will hear more about this also.

There was much work accomplished but, more important, there was an atmosphere and spirit of working and interacting as the united executive committee of an organization established to provide fellowship and challenge to you as members. It was an exciting meeting that set the pace for an exciting year of a growing organization.

Ruth Irvine  
Secretary, ACSD



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